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In re Application of

Christopher Sean Van Winkle, et al

Serial No.: 10/027,281

Filed: December 30, 2004

Title: Body Armor

DECISION PETITION

This is in response to applicants' petition filed May 12, 2005, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d), as an invention for countering terrorism.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02 XI. Therefore the petition is GRANTED.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Frederick Schmidt by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700, or by telephone at (571) 272-0975 or by facsimile transmission at (571) 273-8300.

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